



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 416

A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the city of Sisters, Oregon, a certain parcel of land for use in connection with a sewage treatment facility

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on May 19, 1999*

S. 416 would direct the Forest Service to convey to the city of Sisters, Oregon, between 160 and 240 acres of federal land, but not more than is necessary for the city to construct a sewage treatment facility. The bill provides that the land be conveyed at no cost to the city other than the cost of preparing any documents required. According to the Forest Service, under current law the agency is likely to sell about 240 acres to the city of Sisters at fair market value. Based on a preliminary appraisal of the land, the city would pay the Forest Service between \$480,000 and \$720,000 for the conveyance. Because S. 416 would provide for the conveyance at no cost to the city, CBO estimates that enacting the bill would result in forgone offsetting receipts, and thus an increase in outlays of roughly \$600,000 in fiscal year 2000. Consequently pay-as-you-go procedures would apply.

S. 416 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. State and local governments might incur some costs as a result of the bill's enactment, but these costs would be voluntary. The city of Sisters, Oregon, would benefit from enactment of this legislation because it would receive land at a negligible cost for construction of a sewage treatment facility.

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